



KNIGHT LEGEND

The Lady Knights celebrate their second consecutive championship.

Girls soccer captures second consecutive title

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The O’Gorman girls soccer team proved their ability by winning a second consecutive state title.

With many injuries, it seemed almost impossible for the Lady Knights to recapture the state title. Media and other coaches doubted the success of this season, calling it a rebuilding year. Last year’s perfect record added some pressure to this year’s team.

“In my opinion this team felt a lot of pressure to live up to last season because our record was not as ‘perfect’ as last year,” said senior Amanda Kautz.

The Knights were ranked fourth going into the tournament and many doubted them in the game versus Roosevelt, and they were predicted to get fifth in state.

Rachel Mullin said one of the most

memorable moments of the season was the semifinal game versus Washington. They were not expected to win but did so due to penalty kicks. After the final brutal game of the season, the Knights flew past Pierre to recapture the state title.

“The state tournament was amazing,” said junior Nicole Schlotterback. “We came out strong and played our game and took first. It felt even better because we were the underdogs.”

The girls are already looking forward to next season, but will lose some great seniors, particularly Kautz, Sheila Grogan and Amanda Wagner.

“On the car ride home back from state, Coach Bier and all the juniors were already talking about next season,” said Schlotterback. “We are losing a great group of seniors but will be able to build a great team. We are all wanting to take state yet again.”



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Hannah Vandemark prepares to hit a powerful forehand.

Girls tennis sweeps state tournament

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The Lady Knights aced their way to a second consecutive state tennis title. The team won four of a possible six individual single titles and all three doubles titles. The Lady Knights’ title gave O’Gorman its 24th state tennis title when considering both the Boys and Girls tennis teams.

The girls battled near-freezing temperatures the first day of the tournament. The weather seemed to make things difficult for everyone involved.

“When it is this cold, it is hard to get real loose. No doubt about it,” said Coach Don Barnes. “And I don’t think you see the best tennis either.”

The weather did not allow for outside play the final two days of the tournament. The event was moved inside to The Tennis

Center of the Black Hills and Arrowhead Country Club, both in Rapid City.

“We did very well this year and pretty much dominated, but next year we are going to sweep [all the flights],” said junior Theresa Petrasko

Petrasko won her second consecutive Flight 1 singles title and the Flight 1 doubles title with sophomore Meg Townsend who placed third at Flight 2 singles. Sophomore Hannah Vandemark won her second consecutive Flight 3 singles title and her second consecutive Flight 2 doubles title with sophomore Erin Hoffman. Hoffman also won her second consecutive Flight 4 singles title. Freshman Chandler Nielsen won her second consecutive Flight 5 singles title, and also won the Flight 3 doubles title with sophomore Katie Schwebach who placed second in Flight 6 singles.

Football team ends season 8-1, looks forward to playoffs

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After the first game of the 2008 season, there were many people who doubted the O’Gorman Knights football team. The Knights opened their season with a loss to then unranked Brandon Valley. However, since the game against Brandon Valley, the Knights have been undefeated. The Knights have once again put themselves into contention for the state title.

“We feel pretty confident going into the playoffs,” said senior Tight End and Defensive Tackle Mike Pharis. “I think we have a very good team and are definitely one of the favorites going into the playoffs.”

The Knights are the second-ranked team in the class 11AA South Dakota Football rankings heading into the playoffs while the Brandon Valley Lynx are the top-ranked team.

“The game against Brandon Valley really showed where we were at as a team,” said senior Linebacker Jason Feit. “We really rallied around each other and never stopped working as a team. We knew that we had one of the top teams in state and kept that attitude throughout the season.”

While things looked bleak earlier in the season for the Knights, the team managed to rally off eight wins in a row. This rally included wins over Washington in

the Dakota Bowl and Roosevelt in the President’s Bowl.

The Knights went on to add the Greater Dakota Conference championship and the city championship to their already impressive resume.

“We know that we have a great team this year and have beaten some pretty tough opponents,” said senior Lineman Dan Oswald. “We have had a great season so far, but it won’t mean anything if we don’t come away with a state championship.”

The Knights had a healthy balance between their ground attack and passing game this season. Seniors Mike Isaacson, Phil Wright and Will Powell led them on

the ground with over 1400 yards rushing. The Knights also added a passing game this year, which was something that was missing from last year’s team. Junior Quarterback Tony Viger threw for over 500 yards and nine touchdowns. Those numbers do not even account for the biggest moment of the season when Viger hooked up with Powell for the game winning touchdown pass to beat Roosevelt in the President’s bowl.

The Knights roll into the playoffs seeking redemption for the second round exit they received at the hands of Brookings last year. The Knights will likely look for their success on defense to carry them through the playoffs this year.

“Our defense is one of the best in the state without question,” says junior Defensive lineman Austin Berg. “If our opponents don’t score they won’t win; it is as simple as that. When our defense is out there it is chaos for the other team, like baby chickens in a hail storm.”

With a healthy string of confidence, the O’Gorman Knights look to bring home their third state title in five years and eleventh overall. The Knights will have home field advantage up to and possibly including the state championship, as long as their playoff run continues. With so many uncertainties in the South Dakota playoffs this year, one thing is for sure: the Knights have a very promising future.

Sinner’s Swing earns respect in Sioux Falls music scene

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Rock music just got more entertaining, and Sinner’s Swing is bending the rules with their force and originality.

Sinner’s Swing is a four-piece rock band that consists of Roosevelt freshman Nick Kappen, 2008 O’Gorman graduate Chris Kappen, University Center student Joshua Barse and O’Gorman junior Billy Baker.

“We formed the band basically to blow people away with our awesome music,” said Baker.

Chris Kappen and Baker started off as a cover band called Icarus two years ago. However, the band went through some tough times during that time period.

“In our entire history, we had seven different singers and four different bassists,” said Chris Kappen.

After deciding to form a new band, Kappen and Baker started writing original songs and renamed themselves Sinner’s Swing, adding younger brother Nick Kappen and friend Joshua Barse to the lineup.

Some of their main musical influences include such bands as Van Halen, Led Zeppelin, The Beatles and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The band was recently featured in an *Argus Leader* article about the best bands to see in Sioux Falls. They were alongside such bands as We All Have Hooks For Hands and The Smoke and Mirrors Band.

They have been making their way through MySpace with thousands of song plays and friends as well, releasing daily blogs and a soon-to-be-released self-filmed documentary about their band.

“We get a lot of daily comments from teenagers and constant requests from other people,” said Nick Kappen.

This summer, they played several shows in wide varieties of places such as Terrace Park, Nutty’s, The Phoenix Lounge and McKennan Park.

“When we perform, we really like to feed off the crowd and get into some serious grooving,” said Barse.

They competed in a Battle of the Bands competition in Tea, South Dakota, tying first place with rock band Mercury To Mars. Their tiebreaker show will be Nov. 1.

“We’re psyched for the gig because when we first started out, we were given weird looks, but now we have gained more respect from people and it’s a good feeling,” said Chris Kappen.

They recorded at Cathouse Studios this month, returning after recording back in March 2008. The foursome hopes to have even more for everybody in the future.

“I honestly just want to be on *Rock Band*,” said Nick Kappen.

At the moment, the band is continually writing and playing in Sioux Falls.

“Not to sound cliché, but we really just play for fun and we love performing,” said Chris Kappen.

Their 8-track EP will be out in the near future.

Fall fashion shows simplicity

Rebecca Hagemeyer
Dacia Willson

Khakis and polos may be the norm during school hours, but outside of the classroom, students’ outfits mirror the most contemporary of styles. Skinny jeans, vintage tee shirts, printed sweaters, peace signs and animal prints are among the fashion pieces that allow students to step outside the bland look that is the O’Gorman uniform.

A sophomore, Sara Gildemaster, emulates such fashions.

“My style shows that I am down-to-earth but at the same time electric,” said Gildemaster.

Gildemaster is a fan of dark wash skinny jeans, and her wardrobe is inspired by urban, preppy and high fashion styles. During school hours, Gildemaster still likes to show her unique sense of style.

“I express my personality during school by wearing cute jewelry and different colored polos,” said Gildemaster.

As you enter this fall season, here are a few things to embrace and a few things to avoid. For instance, sporting a Dallas Cowboys jersey tucked into jeans with a belt is something that you may want to leave in your closet. However, simple dark washed jeans and a graphic tee shirt could never betray you. Keeping your modesty intact, wearing jeans and shirts of appropriate size is an easy way to look sophisticated. Wearing



PRESS PHOTO

This animal print dress is just one of the many new fashion trends this fall.

tight jeans may be unflattering and could even make you look heavier than you actually are. Instead, straight-leg and flair bottomed jeans can make for a slimmer looking fit.

This fall season, an overall simple look with a hint of animal print or color is the most contemporary and easy way to be chic. Outside of O’Gorman’s walls, you can trade your bland uniform for these simple and affordable styles.

Twilight a literary and film phenomenon

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With the movie *Twilight* coming out on Nov. 21, eager fans are trying to finish the book and are finding themselves hooked on the series. Although the upcoming movie has increased the interest in the books, *Twilight* has had readers fascinated for over two years. It seems that almost everybody has a copy of one of Stephenie Meyer’s vampire books and cannot put it down.

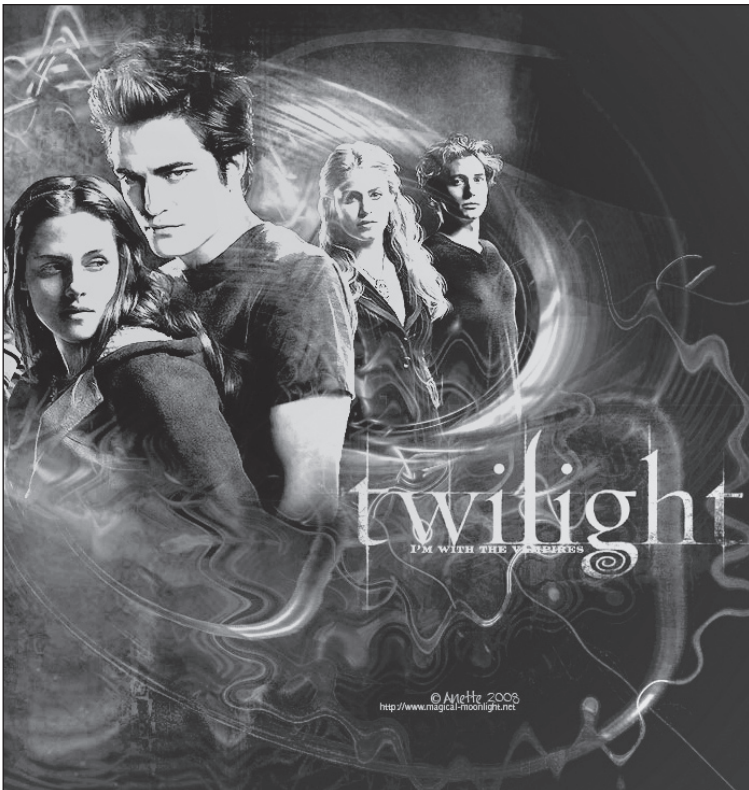
“The books are full of twists and turns. I could not see anything coming, and I wanted to know what came next,” said Mrs. Heather Nohrenberg.

Twilight is about Isabella (Bella) Swan, a girl who

has recently moved to a small town. She falls in love with Edward Cullen, a mysterious boy who turns out to be more than anything expected. As Edward pulls Bella into his world, she and those she loves are being put into more and more danger. Bella’s life is changed dramatically when she becomes aware of a world where legends become reality.

“The thrill of an impossible romance is insane,” said junior Liz Kappenman. “I am completely in love with Edward Cullen..”

Twilight is the first part of the saga that consists of four books: *Twilight*, *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and *Breaking Dawn*.



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Twilight will premiere Nov. 21.

Max Payne delivers as intense fall action film

Actor Mark Wahlberg stars in videogame based blockbuster

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While October action movies usually fare as well as Saudi Arabia in the Winter Olympics, *Max Payne* delivers. *Max Payne* feels more like a summer blockbuster disguised as a late October release. With all the special effects and action sequences, one forgets that it is no longer summer.

Max Payne, based upon the 2002 videogame with the same name, is the story of a desolate New York City cop, who is looking for the man behind the death of his wife and child. Max is joined on his voyage by sassy, straight-laced assassin named Mona Sax who is also searching for her sister's slayer. The odd pairing search desperately for the killer while they are hunted by a mega corporation and the police.

Mark Wahlberg gives a strong performance as the titular character Max Payne. He uses his famous stoned faced cop impersonation seen in films such as *The Departed* and *We Own the Night*. Mila Kunis also stars as the assassin in search of the killer. She seems a bit out of place in a movie like this but does her best to keep pace with her leading man. Rapper-turned-actor Chris "Ludacris" Bridges gives a solid performance as an Internal Affairs agent who is in charge of finding the vigilante Max Payne.

Director John Moore (*Flight of the Phoenix*, *Behind Enemy Lines*) does a great job of letting his characters tell the story. Moore also does a nice job of showing the transformation Max goes through after the tragic murder of his family. The film has such a gritty look to it that really corresponds well to the emotionality of the film.

One mistake on the director's part, however, is besides Max, it is hard to connect to any other characters. They are short lived and come and go like October leaves.

The story does not introduce anything new but does do a good job of learning from the mistakes of the movies that came before it. *Max Payne* gives a nice take on a genre that seems a bit overdone. It is in the same realm as the *Bourne* series, and contains hints of *Doom*.

The main character goes through so much that it is hard not to feel a special connection to him. Mark Wahlberg is the reason for the film's success. He portrays Max as exactly as he is, alone and full of anger. In the end though, Max's pain is our pleasure. Entertainment grade: B+ Overall Quality grade: C+



Frau Andrea McKenzie is the school's only foreign born teacher.

JOE KLEIN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Transatlantic teacher shares knowledge, wit

Adam Wilka
Jordan Heisler

Frau Andrea McKenzie makes a strong first impression. Proudly frank, she instructs her classes with a sharp wit through a bold German accent.

She left her native country for love, and she stayed in Sioux Falls to teach. Known affectionately to her students as "Frau," McKenzie has a tumultuous and interesting past.

McKenzie was born in Hungary to a German father and a Hungarian mother.

Growing up, McKenzie described herself as somewhat of a troublemaker. Although she has grown up, she retains a hint of her rebellious nature.

McKenzie's bold character was further developed in the trenches of Soviet Europe. Although she did not participate in armed conflict, she, like all students, received annual training in the event of a Western invasion.

"Nobody liked it, but we all had to do it," said McKenzie. "And it's not like the things we learned did not have any practical value. It can't hurt to know how to climb a rope or run like a bat out of

hell with a sand vest on and a rifle in your hand."

Among her military prowess is extensive knowledge of how to assemble and use several types of high caliber rifles. She literally became a "weekend warrior."

"In Europe you're not going to get by only knowing a couple of languages. Schools aren't so easy breezy like they are in America"

- Andrea McKenzie

Her personality often got her into trouble, but this did not affect her ability to excel in school.

As she was raised in a mixed nationality household, McKenzie learned both German and Hungarian gowing up.

Growing older, McKenzie became fluent in Russian, Latin, and Spanish. She learned English after marrying and moving to the United States.

"In Europe you're not going to get by

only knowing a couple of languages," said McKenzie. "Schools aren't so easy breezy like they are in America."

Not only is McKenzie able to speak all of these languages, she is also qualified to teach them.

After mastering English, McKenzie began instructing German here at O'Gorman.

She was the head of South Dakota's Foreign Language Department for four years and has been an educator at O'Gorman for thirteen.

Aside from teaching foreign languages, McKenzie also travels with a group of students to Europe every other year.

McKenzie is of the belief that students don't have to enroll in her classes to learn from her. During our interview McKenzie asked Adam Wilka, her former student, to attempt a translation from English to German.

After watching him bungle through it, McKenzie informed him that he had to catch up on his German as his ability to speak it had become pathetic.

Her reputation has gained almost mythical status among students in her classes and study halls.

Photo Survey

At what age does trick-or-treating become inappropriate and why?



Rachel Lamberty

"Forty. Up till then life's supposed to be fun. Thirty-nine is the age of responsibility."



Ian Williams

"For me, it was age twelve because I was, like, six feet tall."



Adam Kleinsasser

"Thirteen. That's the age my parents stopped letting me."



Lauren Wolf

"Never ever. Ever."

Campaigns should focus on key issues

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Elections are always breeding grounds for nastiness towards opposite parties, but unfortunately this also usually leads to gross stupidity on both sides.

There will always be rumors, there will always be negative campaigning, but the idiocy of some of the arguments against Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama absolutely defy reason.

In fact, it seems amazing that the following arguments and reason can simultaneously exist.

This is not a promotion of either or any presidential candidate, but rather a plea to all remotely politically adventurous people not to be stupid or to listen to stupid ideas when deciding on their presidential candidate, but to have reasonable, conscious thought.

John McCain has skin cancer that's in remission that doesn't inhibit him from traveling the country and campaigning for months on end.

This obviously means that he's going to die and we shouldn't vote for him!

Melanoma kills a whole

7700 people per year. This is actually a surprising few, considering 5500 people die everyday in the United States for any various reason. Besides, most of these 7700 are people whose cancer was advanced before starting treatment unlike John McCain's.

Considering the extremely high-tech medicine available to people as wealthy and proverbial as Sen. McCain, it is highly unlikely he will die anytime soon from skin cancer.

The average life expectancy for a male in the United States is seventy-eight, and John McCain just turned seventy-two. He would still be able to easily live out a full term and he is obviously very healthy – he's on a tedious and stressful campaign trail that would test the well-being of any healthy twenty year old. Britney Spears has just a good of chance of dying in the next four years as John McCain does.

Barack Obama has an unusual name and was educated in an Indonesian public school for a year.

This obviously makes him an Indonesian terrorist who associates with Al-Qaeda and Saddam! He wants to kill America! His middle name is Hussein for God's sake!

Just because Barack Obama's name is phonetically similar to that of Osama Bin Laden, does not under any circumstances make Bin Laden and Obama in any way similar to each other.

To argue that one's name somehow disqualifies him or her from a certain office or that a person's name in some way has an effect on how patriotic he or she is, is the silliest thing I've ever heard in my life.

I can't even attempt to expand on this silly, silly idea. It's not even an idea because an idea requires thought process.

To say that someone's name affects their character or patriotism or leadership ability defies logic and evolution. Evolution, of course, says humans are more intelligent than animals.

My fellow students, I entreat you, if you can vote – and even if you can't – please, please do not choose your presidential candidate for superficial and ridiculous reasons that other people of questionable intelligence have told you.

For the sake of the future of our country, choose the candidate who will serve the country best as commander-in-chief, not the one who doesn't have a funny name or isn't old.

Adults should give youth more authority

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One of the most irritating clichés that high school students, especially high school seniors, come across is being told that they need to acquire leadership skills. We as high school students are told that these skills are the key to a successful life. We do, however, hear about the importance of leadership skills from the same

people who give us curfews, dress code, and from those who feel it necessary to spy on our social networking pages such as MySpace or Facebook. I wonder how we can be expected to be great leaders if we

cannot even be trusted to take care of ourselves. Raging adultism seems to be infringing on our rights: in many ways, we as non-adults have no rights.

High school principals can search their students' belongings due to a legal standard called *reasonable suspicion* brought about in the Supreme Court decision *Jersey v. T. L. O.* This means that a high school principal does not have to have any proof of wrongdoing in order to search our lockers, backpacks, etc. All a principal needs is suspicion of wrong-doing. Similarly, car insurance companies can charge higher rates to teenagers than they do to adults even if the teenager has a cleaner driving record.

When teenagers hear the phrase "teenage oppression" or "adultism" the first thing they probably think of is, "My parents are so annoying!" I would not consider myself any different from those annoyed teenagers. I have discovered over the years that my parents seem to find no disparity between the Apocalypse and my perpetually "disgusting" bedroom. They also seem to believe that I am on my way to the State Penitentiary because

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of my never-ending list of detentions due to the horrors of my tardiness, my shirt being untucked or my wearing tennis shoes to school. In some sense, I cannot blame them. You know how the saying

goes, "Stop crime where it starts!"

Most adults would claim that these examples share no similarities with oppression. They are very keen on telling us that we need to be prepared for the real world; I do not disagree with them in any way. Adults believe that they are just doing these things with our best interest in mind: they want to protect us. However, I, along with a great deal of my peers, believe that is where adults are absolutely wrong. How is sheltering us through our youth preparing us for the struggles of our adult years?

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If our parents want to teach us how to deal with responsibility, the first thing they should consider is giving us some responsibility. Do you want to teach your teenager the importance of a clean room? Leave the responsibility of tidying up your teenager’s bedroom up to him or her. Do not constantly nag your teenager to clean his or her room. If he or she decides not to clean his or her room, let him or her face the consequences of having three-week-old nacho cheese and milk in his or her room. Being forced to sleep in a room that smells like feet should be influential enough in showing someone the importance of a clean room.

No one cares about teenage rights. We as non-adults are

the most disenfranchised group of people in the United States. One-hundred percent of us are incapable of making any changes dealing with our hardships.

It seems our only hope is to create an organization rivaling that of the American Association of Retired Persons. The problem is that by the time any of us reach a position in which we can make any of these needed changes, we will not care anymore. In six months, I will turn eighteen; the concerns I have mentioned will be irrelevant for me. Am I going to spend my adult-life fighting for the whining youth? Probably not. If I had to endure the eighteen years of obscurity, shouldn’t everybody have to?

Twilight

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Breaking Dawn is the final book that has had readers awaiting a conclusion to the impossible romance between the “lion and the lamb” as Edward describes it. This conclusion came out two years after the first novel.

Because the popularity of the book has increased since news of the movie, it is easy to think that the books are a fad.

“I thought it was mind-bending,” said Richie Rossing. “It was a real horror show.”

Nohrenberg said that it won’t be a classic but anyone who can grab the reader’s attention is making great literature. Stephenie Meyer makes Bella so normal, yet all these extraordinary things happen to her. She makes Bella relatable, said Nohrenberg.

The movie premiere has thirsty fans waiting to see how the book is portrayed on screen. Readers are

excited to see the book come to life but are worried that the actors’ human characteristics won’t live up to the vampire description in the books.

“Because books describe characters so vividly and paint a unique picture in each person’s mind, it is impossible to get that exact image on screen,” said Senior Teresa Johnson. “It cannot help but be distorted.”

Kirsten Stewart, who has been in films such as *In the Land of Women*, plays Bella swan. Robert Pattinson, who is famous for his portrayal of Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter*, plays Edward Cullen. Other actors in the cast include Taylor Lautner as Jacob Black and Ashley Greene as Alice Cullen.

Catherine Hardwicke is directing the movie alongside Stephenie Meyer and Melissa Rosenberg (screenplay).

Freshmen

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and Aaron Tarnasky said Gordon did a good job keeping the boys motivated and focused.

“He kept telling us that the teams would be better next time and out to get us,” said Holzer.

The football team has done well at staying focused and hopes to carry their momentum into next year’s season.

Another thriving freshman sport is volleyball. The team had a rocky start with the girls adjusting to playing with new teammates and the new caliber of play.

Coaches Laine Fisher and Shelly Ludolph push the girls in practice so that they can come out on top in their matches. One drill that Fisher and Ludolph put the girls through for conditioning and discipline is sprints.

“One day we ran at least fifty sprints,” said Katie Raaen.

The conditioning pushes the girls to perform at their best and helps them bond as team.



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